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Health Department suspends residential care home owner

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The owner of two Anderson residential care homes has been ordered from their premises and away from their patients.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Spokesman Thom Berry said Connie McCurry, owner of the nine-bed Connie's Residential Home on White Street and another 10-bed home on East Hampton Street, was suspended on Wednesday.

Ms. McCurry has 15 days to file an appeal, he said.

"She may not admit or readmit anyone until DHEC notifies her in writing that the suspension is lifted," Mr. Berry said. "We have suspended her operating license until the issue is resolved."

Secondly, Ms. McCurry must stay away from both facilities and have no contact with any resident pending resolution of the

matter, Mr. Berry said.

Health Department officials have taken no action to close the homes.

A woman who answered the door at the White Street residence on Thursday declined to comment.

Anderson City Police on Tuesday charged Ms. McCurry with the unlawful exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

According to the warrant for her arrest, Ms. McCurry is accused to stealing \$60,081 in disability payments from a former patient between October 2004 and April 2007.

A hearing about the case is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 31 in Anderson County General Sessions Court.

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